

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RAMANJEET SIDHU,

Case No. 2:24-cv-01646-RFB-EJY

Petitioner,

SCHEDULING ORDER

v.

JEREMY BEAN, et al.,

Respondents.

On October 3, 2024, this Court granted Petitioner Ramanjeet Sidhu's motion for appointment of counsel, provisionally appointed the Federal Public Defender, and gave the Federal Public Defender 30 days to (1) undertake direct representation of Sidhu by filing a notice of appearance or (2) indicate the office's inability to represent Sidhu in these proceedings. (ECF No. 8.) On November 4, 2024, the Federal Public Defender timely filed their notice of appearance. (ECF No. 15.)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender, through Laura Barrera, Esq., is appointed as counsel for Sidhu pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). Counsel will represent Sidhu in all federal proceedings related to this matter, including any appeals or certiorari proceedings, unless allowed to withdraw.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Sidhu has up to and including 90 days from entry of this Order within which to file an amended petition and/or seek other appropriate relief.¹

¹Neither the foregoing deadline nor any extension thereof signifies or will signify any implied finding as to the expiration of the federal limitation period and/or of a basis for tolling during the time period established. Sidhu remains responsible for calculating the running of the federal limitation period and timely asserting claims, without regard to any deadlines established or extensions granted herein. That is, by setting a deadline to amend the petition and/or by granting

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondents shall file a response to the amended
2 petition, including potentially by motion to dismiss, within 60 days of service of an amended
3 petition and that Sidhu may file a reply thereto within 30 days of service of the answer. The
4 response and reply time to any motion filed by either party, including a motion to dismiss, shall be
5 governed instead by Local Rule LR 7-2(b).

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by Respondents to the
7 counseled amended petition shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In
8 other words, the Court does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in
9 seriatum fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural
10 defenses omitted from such motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents
11 shall not file a response in this case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their
12 response on the merits, except pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims
13 clearly lacking merit. If Respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2):
14 (a) they shall do so within the single motion to dismiss not in the answer; and (b) they shall
15 specifically direct their argument to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in
16 Cassett v. Stewart, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses,
17 including exhaustion, shall be included with the merits in an answer. All procedural defenses,
18 including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to dismiss.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, Respondents shall
20 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record
21 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

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23 any extension thereof, the Court makes no finding or representation that the petition, any
amendments thereto, and/or any claims contained therein are not subject to dismissal as
untimely. See Sossa v. Diaz, 729 F.3d 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any state court record and related exhibits filed herein
2 by either Sidhu or Respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the
3 exhibits by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further shall be identified by the
4 number or numbers of the exhibits in the attachment. If the exhibits filed will span more than one
5 ECF Number in the record, the first document under each successive ECF Number shall be either
6 another copy of the index, a volume cover page, or some other document serving as a filler, so that
7 each exhibit under the ECF Number thereafter will be listed under an attachment number (i.e.,
8 Attachment 1, 2, etc.).

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that courtesy copies of exhibits shall not be provided.

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11 **DATED:** November 4, 2024.

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RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT